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TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR.....

LOUIS FISCHER

who has just returned from a trip to all of Europe, India and Palestine. Duell, Sloane and Pearce, recently published his new book, "The Great Challenge" and released a new edition of "Men and Politics" with an introduction by Sumner Welles. Mr. Fischer made his first trip to Russia in 1922 and has since specialized in the Study of Soviet Republics and European politics. He will talk about

"CHALLENGE TO PEACE."

ALSO

M. W. FODOR  
from the CHICAGO SUN.

"Mike" Fodor, one of our new members, will be welcomed back from abroad to tell us about some tough conditions for correspondents in Europe today. "Never in my thirty years of correspondence abroad were my movements, or those of any overseas correspondent, as restricted as at present," wrote Fodor from Vienna. The possibility of a pass, diplomatic or otherwise, which would carry correspondents anywhere in Europe after getting accreditation, will be discussed.

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December 26, 1946  
New York, N. Y.

Rita Hume has gone to Paris where she will report for NANA and a group of newspapers including the St. Louis Globe Democrat, the Seattle Times and the Philadelphia Record.

W. W. Chaplin of NBC broadcast on Christmas day from his home. It was the first Christmas that Bill had not been reporting abroad for some years so it was quite a treat.

Andre Baruch fathers a two hour program over Station WMCA from noon to 2 P. M. each weekday. We liked his wife's voice very much. She is the other half of the broadcast.

The drawing of the books for our luncheons goes along swimmingly with Bruno Shaw at the helm. Lt. Col. A. F. Maxfield, guest of Colonel Welch of the First Army Public Relations in New York, won the last book to be given on Dec. 18th. Among other lucky winners have been Lucian Kirtland, Doris Johnston, etc.

Lowell Thomas, Chairman of the Fund for Near East Colleges, sent out a special appeal at Christmas time in order that "through education, the peoples of this earth may understand each other."

Columnists at this time of year are generally swamped. Dorothy Kilgallen reported that Sherman Billingsley presents from the Stork Club were up to par. Ben Gross, radio columnist for the N. Y. Daily News, reports that the most embarrassing present he ever got was a live turkey. It rode home in the cab with him, lived in his apartment several days and Ben got so attached to it that he did not want it killed. Then one year, Ben got a monkey from Abbott and Costello. It got loose in the News office with the results a monkey usually achieves.

Thurston Macauley writes in reply to the Bulletin Christmas Message: "Without disparagement to as swell a bunch of newspaper men and gals as I ever knew, it should be recalled that a large percentage of the 2300 war correspondents were as new to Europe and Asia as the average GI. Most of them were just good newspapermen covering a story..... When peace came, most of them went back to less spectacular assignments. The men who have remained abroad are for the most part men who worked abroad before the war. Editors surely realize the value of keeping in key spots men who are steeped in foreign background and who have valuable contacts which take years to build up."

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We are glad to welcome back into the club a former member, Frank E. Mason, correspondent for NANA.

Teddy White's book "Thunder Out of China" ranks sixth on the list of Best Sellers among non-fiction books.

Kenneth Austin, former financial writer for the New York Times, has joined the public relations staff of the United States Steel Corporation.

Stanley Ross, correspondent in South America for publications like the N. Y. Herald Tribune, Collier's, etc. has started a confidential information gathering service in Latin America.

By the grapevine, we hear that Johannes Steel has started a special information sheet. No other details available at the moment.

WANTED..... A GOOD EDITOR, fairly young, well versed in foreign affairs. Call the office for information.

Pete Huss of International News Service who has just finished covering the Council of Foreign Ministers at the Waldorf is the proud father of a daughter, Marie Anne, born on December 13.

John Gunther is the author of an article about California in the January issue of Holiday.

John Parris, Jr. of the Associated Press, has gone to rest up in South Carolina after some strenuous covering of the recent United Nations sessions. John, we have just learned, is the author of "Springboard to Berlin" published in 1943. Incidentally, Charley Grumich of AP, also covered the United Nations meetings at Lake Success.

Don Pryor of Columbia Broadcasting Company revealed the tremendous black market in Paris and how it affects correspondents in his broadcast from France on December 17th.

Morrill Cody of the American Embassy staff in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has been transferred to Mexico City, Mexico.

Joseph Barnes of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, Gretta Palmer and Eric Severeid of CBS are among the sponsors of a dinner forum at the Roosevelt Hotel on January 16. (\$7.50 per person) to win wider support for the work and objectives of the American Veterans Committee headed by Charles Bolte. OPC will have a table so if you want to attend, let the office know in time.



JOHN PARKERSON

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Kay Boyle, of the New Yorker, Kay is in Europe now on assignment. She had previously served twenty years abroad for the magazine.

Clare Boothe Luce, retiring member of the House of Representatives from Connecticut. Mrs. Luce fulfilled assignments for Time and Life in Europe in 1940; Philippines and China, 1941, several months in Africa, Burma and China, 1942, and the European and African war theaters in 1944 and 1945.

Edwin Muller, roving editor of Reader's Digest. Covered Alaska and the Aleutians from October, 1942, to June, 1943. U.K. and European theater, September 1944, to May, 1945, and then Middle East, India and Australia, January to November, 1946.

Reavis O'Neal, Jr., combat correspondent and in charge of radio for 8th Air Force in London from July, 1943, to March, 1944, and in charge of news for 9th Air Force PRO in London, Paris, Frankfurt and Wiesbaden, March, 1944, to August, 1945.

John Welsh III, former Stars & Stripes editor and correspondent in the Mediterranean, 1942 to 1945.

Leslie Balogh Bain, editor of The Week and radio commentator on WKAT, Miami, Fla. Served abroad from 1936 to 1939 in Central Europe, then North Africa, 1942. Italy, 1943. Italy and the Balkans, 1944; France, Germany and other European countries, 1945, for Station WIOD, Cox Newspapers, McNaught Syndicate and The Week magazine.

Richard L. Stokes, staff correspondent, St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Served in Paris several months in 1936; May, 1944, 1945, in ETO, and September, 1945, to November, 1946, in Germany and Italy, for the Post Dispatch. Covered the Nuremberg trial.

Fred L. Strozier, Associated Press, Latin American department, Was AP chief of bureau in Havana from April, 1943, to February, 1945.

Richard J. H. Johnston, New York Times. Johnston was in the ETO from June, 1944, to July, 1945, and then in the Philippines, Japan, Korea and Manchuria from August, 1945, to November, 1946.

Irving Peter Pflaum, foreign editor of the Chicago Times since 1939. United Press correspondent in Madrid and Paris from 1935 to 1939. In London and North Africa for the Chicago Times, 1942; South America in 1940; Germany, Poland, Russia, 1938; Rome, 1933.

Ollie Stewart, roving correspondent for Afro-American Newspapers. Covered England, North Africa and Italy for seventeen months starting in August, 1942; then France for eight months in 1944 and several months in 1945.



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Leo Margulies, editorial director of Standard Magazines, Inc. Served abroad in 1945 for Sea Magazine.

Foster May, manager of news and special events, American Broadcasting Company, Los Angeles. ETO, 1945, as war correspondent for Station WOW, Omaha, Nebr.

At the luncheon of December 18, Prime Minister Constantin Tsaldaris of Greece appealed to the American press to restore the shattered confidence of his people in the Allied cause and severely attacked the decisions of the Council of the Big Four with regard to Greece. Mr. Tsaldaris declared that the state of undeclared warfare in the Balkans was reaching its most acute phase now. Guests of Curt Heymann of the New York Times were Mr. Nicholas Lely, head of the Bureau of Information of Greece here in New York and Mr. Kalergis, Greek consul general. John Daly of CBS had as his guest Quincy Howe.

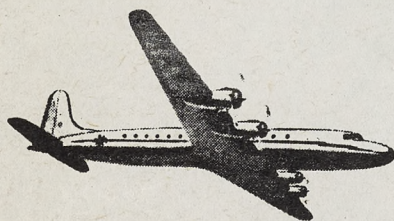
At the luncheon of December 11, Bruno Shaw, member of the Board of Governors presided. Miss Louise Yim pleaded eloquently for Korea. She charged the big powers with selling out Korea for the second time in forty years. "Korea is the key to Asia. To assure peace, Korea must be master of her own destiny", said Miss Yim. The economic life of the country has been ruptured by the division of the country between the United States and Russia.

Mr. Kim Dungsung, head of the Press Association in Korea, talked briefly of his country. He is a well known newspaper man not only in Korea but throughout Asia and in the United States.

Jimmy Young, just back from a trip through the Pacific which started last summer when he covered the atomic bomb tests at Bikini gave a report on foreign correspondents throughout the Far East. He said it was very difficult for correspondents to move freely in China and that in order to move around, they had to make application in advance. Being on the spot when events happen suddenly is therefore impossible.

Correspondents have military escort in Korea, said Jimmy, while our colleagues in Manchuria are the subjects of kidnappings and such special attentions.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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